

Claim 8 (once amended). [A] The polarizing filter of claim 1 further comprising:

a transparent substrate; and

at least three layers laminated one on another on said substrate, said at least three layers including an outermost layer having a first refractive index, and odd and even number layers interposed between said outermost layer and said substrate, wherein:

a refractive index of each said odd number layer is lower than the first refractive index; and

a refractive index of each said even number layer is higher than the first refractive index.

REMARKS

Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to depend from claim 1.

Upon review of the disclosure, it appears that the described embodiments may be grouped as follows:

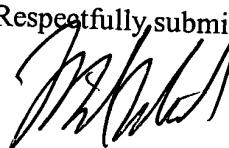
Species A: Embodiments 1-4 and 6

Species B: Embodiment 5

Applicant has elected Species A with traverse. Claims 1 and 3-6 are generic to both Species A and B. Therefore, considering all of the claims is appropriate for this matter. In addition, it is noted that these claims are not restrictive as to which group of layers are provided on the transparent substrate. All claims pending in the case (i.e., claims 1 and 3-16) may be applicable to species A and should be considered for examination. Furthermore, both Species A and Species B would be classified in the same classes and subclasses. As such, no undue burden would be placed on the Examiner in considering both species.

Please proceed to examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

7. The polarizing filter of claim 1 further comprising:
a transparent substrate; and
at least three layers laminated one on another on said substrate, said at least three layers including an outermost layer having a first refractive index, and odd and even number layers interposed between said outermost layer and said substrate, wherein:

a refractive index of each said odd number layer is higher than the first refractive index; and

a refractive index of each said even number layer is lower than the first refractive index.

8. The polarizing filter of claim 1 further comprising:

a transparent substrate; and

at least three layers laminated one on another on said substrate, said at least three layers including an outermost layer having a first refractive index, and odd and even number layers interposed between said outermost layer and said substrate, wherein:

a refractive index of each said odd number layer is lower than the first refractive index; and

a refractive index of each said even number layer is higher than the first refractive index.